

Catch-up Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 4 Months Through 18 Years Who Start Late or Who Are More Than 1 Month Behind - United States • 2011

(For DTaP, IPV, Hep B, Hib, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Pneumococcal, Varicella, TD and Tdap)

Tables 1 and 2 provide catch-up schedules and minimum intervals between doses for children whose vaccinations have been delayed. A vaccine series does not need to be restarted, regardless of the time that has elapsed between doses. Use the section appropriate for the child's age.

Table 1. Catch-up Schedule for Persons Aged 4 Months Through 6 Years

Minimum Interval Between Doses

Vaccine	Minimum Age for Dose 1	Dose 1 to Dose 2	Dose 2 to Dose 3	Dose 3 to Dose 4	Dose 4 to Dose 5
Hepatitis B ¹	Birth	4 weeks	8 weeks (and at least 16 weeks after first dose)		
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis ²	6 wks	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 months	6 months ²
Haemophilus Influenzae type b ³	6 wks	4 weeks if first dose administered at younger than age 12 months 8 weeks (as final dose) if first dose administered at age 12-14 months No further doses needed if first dose administered at 15 months of age or older	4 weeks ³ if current age is younger than 12 months 8 weeks (as final dose) ³ if current age is 12 months or older and second dose administered at younger than 15 months of age No further doses needed if previous dose administered at age 15 months or older	8 weeks (as final dose) ³ This dose only necessary for children aged 12 months through 59 months who received 3 doses before age 12 months	
Pneumococcal ⁴	6 wks	4 weeks if first dose administered at younger than age 12 months 8 weeks (as final dose for healthy children) if first dose administered at age 12 months or older or current age 24 through 59 months No further doses needed for healthy children if first dose administered at age 24 months or older	4 weeks if current age is younger than 12 months 8 weeks (as final dose for healthy children) if current age is 12 months or older No further doses needed for healthy children if previous dose administered at age 24 months or older	8 weeks (as final dose) This dose only necessary for children aged 12 months through 59 months who received 3 doses before age 12 months or for high risk children who receive 3 doses at any age	
Inactivated Poliovirus ⁵	6 wks	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 months ⁵	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella ⁶	12 mos	4 weeks			
Varicella ⁷	12 mos	3 months			

¹ **Hepatitis B vaccine (HepB).**

- Administer the 3-dose series to those who were not previously vaccinated.
- The minimum age for the third dose of Hep B is 24 weeks.
- A 2 dose series (separated by at least 4 months) of adult formulation Recombivax HB[®] is licensed for children aged 11 through 15 years.

² **Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP).**

- The fifth dose is not necessary if the fourth dose was administered at age 4 years or older.

³ **Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib).**

- 1 dose of Hib vaccine should be considered for unvaccinated persons aged 5 years or older who have sickle cell disease, leukemia, or HIV infection, or who have had a splenectomy.
- If the first 2 doses were PRP-OMP (PedvaxHIB[®] or Comvax[®]), and administered at age 11 months or younger, the third (and final) dose should be administered at age 12 through 15 months and at least 8 weeks after the second dose.
- If first dose was administered at age 7 through 11 months, administer the second dose at least 4 weeks later and a final dose at age 12 through 15 months.

⁴ **Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV).**

- Administer 1 dose of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) to all healthy children aged 24 months with any incomplete PCV schedule (PCV7 or PCV13).
- For children aged 24 through 71 months with underlying medical conditions, administer 1 dose of PCV13 if 3 doses of PCV were received previously or administer 2 doses of PCV13 at least 8 weeks apart if fewer than 3 doses of PCV were received previously.
- A single dose of PCV13 is recommended for certain children with underlying medical conditions through 18 years of age. See age-specific schedules for details.
- Administer pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV) to children aged 2 years or older with certain underlying medical conditions, including a cochlear implant, at least 8 weeks after the last dose of PCV. A single revaccination should be administered after 5 years to children with functional or anatomic asplenia or an immunocompromising condition. See MMWR 2010;59(No. RR-11).

⁵ **Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV).**

- The final dose in the series should be administered on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months following the previous dose.
- A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months following the previous dose.
- In the first 6 months of life, minimum age and minimum intervals are only recommended if the person is at risk for imminent exposure to circulating poliovirus (i.e., travel to a polio-endemic region or during an outbreak).

⁶ **Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR).**

- Administer the second dose routinely at age 4 through 6 years. The minimum interval between the 2 doses of MMR is 4 weeks.

⁷ **Varicella Vaccine.**

- Administer the second dose routinely at age 4 through 6 years.
- If the second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted a valid.

Table 2. Catch-up Schedule for Persons Aged 7 Through 18 Years

Vaccine	Minimum Age for Dose 1	Dose 1 to Dose 2	Dose 2 to Dose 3	Dose 3 to Dose 4
Tetanus, Diphtheria / Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis¹	7 yrs¹	4 weeks	4 weeks if first dose administered at younger than age 12 months 6 months if first dose administered at age 12 months or older	6 months if first dose administered at younger than age 12 months
Hepatitis B²	Birth	4 weeks	8 weeks (and at least 16 weeks after first dose)	
Inactivated Poliovirus³	6 wks	4 weeks	4 weeks³	6 months³
Measles, Mumps, Rubella⁴	12 mos	4 weeks		
Varicella⁵	12 mos	3 months if the person is younger than age 13 years 4 weeks if the person is age 13 years or older		

¹ **Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids vaccine (Td) and tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap).**

- Doses of Dtap are counted as part of the Td/Tdap series.
- Tdap should be substituted for a single dose of Td in the catch-up series for children aged 7 through 10 years or as a booster for children aged 11 through 18 years; use Td for other doses.

² **Hepatitis B vaccine (HepB).**

- Administer the 3-dose series to those who were not previously vaccinated.
- A 2 dose series (separated by at least 4 months) of adult formulation Recombivax HB[®] is licensed for children aged 11-15 years.

³ **Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV).**

- A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months following the previous dose.

⁴ **Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR).**

- The minimum interval between the 2 doses of MMR is 4 weeks.

⁵ **Varicella Vaccine.**

- If the second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid.